SHARE E-Resources Committee Minutes
Monday, March 27, 2023
3:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order
Laura Picato called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Roll Call
Members present: *Jenna Dauer, Lauren Erwin, Alissa Henkel, Kami Komm, Janet McAllister, and Laura Picato.*
Members absent: *Sarah Hill and Kyla Waltermire.*
Others present: *Jennifer Baugh, Danielle Beasley, Troy Brown, Jace Cook, Zach Henderson, Tina McCormack with Flora Public Library, Donald Pippin, Dena Porter, and Cassandra Thompson.*

Approval of September 26, 2022, Minutes
A motion and second were made to approve the Sept. 26, 2022, minutes. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

SHARE Update

Aspen Discovery was approved by member vote from the SHARE Annual Membership Group meeting on Jan. 12, 2023. Enough reservations have been made to move forward with the project. A fee scale is in development through the SHARE Finance and Policy Committee. We are working with ByWater Solutions on the implementation process. We plan to transition member libraries beginning in July and will start with cataloging libraries; cataloging libraries will help SHARE catalogers clean up our database to allow grouped works to function as intended.

Reaching Forward South (RFS) is on April 14, 2023. SHARE is a sponsor of the event, and IHLS is hosting a networking event at Dewey's Pizza on April 13, 2023, at 5 p.m.

School library members should expect to see an end-of-year reminder email soon.

New Business

- **cloudLibrary Update –** cloudLibrary has released a new feature called "Kids Mode" for the cloudLibrary app. Holds suspension will be implemented in the near future.

  Four members joined cloudLibrary between October and March: two public libraries, one school library, and one special library. Another member library is in a trial period.

  cloudLibrary is performing a diversity audit of our collection at no cost. The audit will be conducted in increments, first looking at our juvenile titles, then young adult, and finally, adult.

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- **Aspen Implementation –** System Wide Automated Network (SWAN) staff met with SHARE to discuss Aspen and the implementation process, as their consortium uses the product. SWAN staff recommended utilizing templates when setting up member libraries' interfaces. Using a template would allow our member libraries to have the same structure for the interface of Aspen while maintaining customization of branding, such as logos and colors.

  A working group is being created to discuss Aspen and help guide the template's structure. The SHARE E-Resources Committee members are encouraged to join if they have time, as e-resource integration is critical to Aspen as a project. SWAN indicated that e-resources integration can sometimes be the most challenging part of the grouped works feature in Aspen; e-resource records often lack key MARC information that Aspen uses to pull and group titles. The upcoming discussion with ByWater Solutions will help guide SHARE staff on the best course of action for implementation overall.
- **Other –** None

Unfinished Business

- **cloudLibrary Budget and PPU –** cloudLibrary continues to be very popular, and the monthly PPU budget is consistently being met halfway through the month. High-demand audiobook titles have ratios of 12+ holds per copy, and general collection development funds are sometimes utilized to help lower the holds ratios on popular titles. Only audiobooks are currently eligible for the PPU program. We are currently spending about $2,700.00 per month on PPU titles, and once that threshold is met, PPU titles cannot be checked out by patrons until the following month begins and the budget resets.

  Audiobook titles are more expensive than e-book titles, averaging about $72.00 per copy. Most of these titles are no longer perpetual; after a circulation limit is met or a time frame expires, the title must be repurchased. Due to the rising costs of these titles and the fact they must be repurchased, cloudLibrary fees may need to be raised to help reduce hold times for patrons. Larger member libraries have helped by allocating additional funds to cloudLibrary, but the demand for e-books and audiobooks is outpacing funding overall.

  Increasing the fees for cloudLibrary in FY2025 would ideally be a tiered structure intended to increase our purchasing power without pricing members out of cloudLibrary altogether. Smaller libraries often cannot afford higher fees, and SHARE works to minimize the financial impact of increased fees on such members but is also conscious of placing increased financial responsibilities on larger libraries. SHARE will evaluate the revenue data of members and compare that information with cloudLibrary fees, then create a proposal for the fee structure for FY2025 for the next committee meeting. SHARE will also remind members in the next newsletter that additional funding can be allocated to cloudLibrary to help reduce holds in the meantime.

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- **Other –** None

Public Comment
None

Announcements
None

Next meeting
Monday, Sept. 25, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment
There being no further business to discuss, the chair adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.

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